

Swimming Pools & Spas

Locations

A swimming pool/spa shall not be located in the required front yard, required landscaped areas, or in any public utility easements.

The water's edge shall not be closer than four (4) feet from any property lines.

Fence Requirements

A perimeter fence, five (5) feet high minimum, around the backyard is the requirement for all pools.

The pool is to be completely enclosed by at least a five (5) feet high fence, between the house and the pool/spa, which is to be placed at least twenty (20) inches from the water's edge.

Any openings are not to be larger than what a four (4) inches round object could pass through. No climbable openings, handholds, or footholds are to be on the exterior side.

Any horizontal components are to be spaced no less than four (4) inches apart (measured vertically), or they are to be placed on the waterside of the enclosure, which shall not have any openings greater than one and three-fourths ($1\frac{3}{4}$) inches, measured horizontally.

Gates

Any gate leading access to the pool must be self-closing and self-latching, or if the gate is wider than four (4) feet, than it may be padlocked.

The self-closing and self-latching device must be located at least fifty-four (54) inches above grade and installed per the manufacturer's instructions.

The release mechanism is to be at least five (5) inches below the top of the gate. There shall be no openings larger than one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) inch located within twenty-four (24) inches of the release mechanism.



Windows & Doors

All operable windows with access to the pool must be screened.

Windows within five (5) feet of the water's edge must be safety glazed.

Doors (including sliding glass) must have a self-closing and self-latching device.

Motorized Cover

There may be a motorized safety pool cover installed, which requires the operation of a key switch which meets the American Society of Testing and Materials Emergency Standards 13-91, and which does not require manual operation other than the use of the key switch.

Electric Outlet

Exterior electric outlets must be a minimum of ten (10) feet from the water's edge and protected by GFCI (ground fault circuit interrupter).

A minimum height of eighteen (18) feet from the surface of the water's edge is required for all overhead wires, service drops, telephone lines, etc.

Above Ground Pool/Spa

An above ground pool, spa, or hot tub requires non-climbable walls at least five (5) feet in height, provided any access ladder or steps shall be removable without the use of tools and secured when not in use by a barrier meeting the requirements listed in this pamphlet.

An above ground spa or hot tub with climbable sidewalls, or sidewalls less than five (5) feet in height, equipped with a hard safety cover that can be latched or locked.



Exceptions

Storm water retention ponds, irrigation canals, flood control devices, or water containment facilities.

Stock ponds, storage tanks, livestock operations, and watering troughs.

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Public pools and water features in public parks or golf courses.

Decorative fountains, or ponds in conjunction with a commercial or industrial development.

Portable wading pools which do not employ a pump and filtration system, and which does not exceed twenty-four (24) inches in depth.

Pool Drainage

The City of Mesa does not allow the drainage of swimming pools/spas into the public streets. You have two options to drain the pool:

1. Flood your rear and front yards; or
2. Locate the sewer cleanout on the property and drain into the cleanout.



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This brochure is strictly for informational purposes only. For additional information regarding swimming pools and spas, please contact one of the Development Information Specialists at (480) 644-3145, Option 2.

The following information and regulations in this pamphlet pertain to all pools, spas, and other contained bodies of water that are eighteen (18) inches or more in depth at any point, or that is wider than eight (8) feet at any point. This brochure contains general requirement information taken from the Mesa City Code pertaining to swimming pools and other bodies of water, as defined in the Mesa Zoning Ordinance Supplementary Provisions.

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